

2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program's Distinguished Teachers

Mr. Joseph Aldrich, Russell High School, Kentucky, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Arnav Dharmagadda

Ms. Kate Allender, Nikola Tesla Stem High School, Washington, Research and Psychology

Nominating Scholar: Arihant Singh

Ms. Carol Anderson, William Mason High School, Ohio, Biomedical Sciences - Medical Interventions and Biomedical Innovation

Nominating Scholar: Sanjana M. Velu

Ms. Kelly Anderson, Northern Highlands Regional High School, New Jersey, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Sebastián N. Anderson

Ms. Robin Anderson, Phoenix Country Day School, Arizona, Foreign Language (Latin)

Nominating Scholar: Tyler Ming-Fei Tam

Ms. Laura Azelborn, Linn-Mar High School, Iowa, Chemistry

Nominating Scholar: Tejas Kishan Gururaja

Mr. Stephen Ballard, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology, Virginia, Band

Nominating Scholar: Mira Iris Kim

Mr. Alan Ballweg, Morgantown High School, West Virginia, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Rania Zuri

Ms. Elizabeth Bates, Los Alamos High School, New Mexico, German Language

Nominating Scholar: Brian L. Han

Ms. Dichawn Belcher, Worcester Vocational High School, Massachusetts, Biotechnology

Nominating Scholar: Alijandro Ian Mendoza

Mr. Robert Benedetto, Central Catholic High School, Massachusetts, Science

Nominating Scholar: Ranjana Ramesh

Ms. Taylor L. Bentley, Diagonal Jr-Sr High School, Iowa, Science

Nominating Scholar: Alaina Marie Whittington

Mr. Mark Biernbaum, Ladue Horton Watkins High School, Missouri, Industrial Technology
Nominating Scholar: Max Yang

Ms. Margaret Birch, Caesar Rodney High School, Delaware, Computer Science
Nominating Scholar: Puiyee Kong

Dr. Philip Blake, eStem High Public Charter School, Arkansas, Computer Science
Nominating Scholar: Sydney Elizabeth Massey

Mr. Andrew Bramante, Greenwich High School, Connecticut, Science
Nominating Scholar: Ambika Grover

Mr. Jeffrey Breedlove, Blue Valley North High School, Kansas, Social Studies (Department Chair, BVN Social Studies)
Nominating Scholar: Elizabeth Rushing Place

Mr. Ryan Brooks, West Career and Technical Academy, Nevada, World History
Nominating Scholar: Amy Park

Mr. Marcus Brown, Hammond High School, Louisiana, Visual Arts - Three Dimensional
Nominating Scholar: Khalil J. McKnight

Dr. Nadine Goodman Brown, Mayfield High School, Ohio, Biology
Nominating Scholar: Pranav Sompalle

Ms. Alyce Brownridge, The Meadows School, Nevada, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Amy Choi

Ms. Katie Bullock, Hillcrest High School, Utah, English
Nominating Scholar: Priyanka Mathews

Ms. Martene Campbell, Episcopal Collegiate School, Arkansas, Social Studies
Nominating Scholar: Neil Sash

Dr. Umakanth Reddy Chinthapanthi, Northview High School, Georgia, Computer Science
Nominating Scholar: Aira Dani

Ms. Catherine Cho, PA Leadership Charter School, Pennsylvania, Violin Performance
Nominating Scholar: Vibha Janakiraman

Ms. Monia Carol Church, Boise High School, Idaho, Social Studies
Nominating Scholar: Shiva Aaron Rajbhandari

Ms. Sue Cline, Johnston High School, Iowa, Social Studies / Talented and Gifted Program

Nominating Scholar: Eshaan S. Chandani

Ms. Debra Faith Compton, Millard North High School, Nebraska, Chemistry

Nominating Scholar: Abhirup Chandra Are

Ms. Nicole Croy, Carroll High School, Indiana, Photography

Nominating Scholar: Bayan Yunis

Mr. Robert Culbertson, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology, Virginia, Physics

Nominating Scholar: Teja Koduru

Mr. William Dallas, Medford Area Senior High School, Wisconsin, History

Nominating Scholar: Saskatoon Robert Fuzz Damm

Ms. Marie D'Amato, Hanover High School, New Hampshire, English

Nominating Scholar: Sora S. Shirai

Dr. Patrick Davis, Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Illinois, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Yina Wang

Ms. Patricia del Toro, St. John's School, Puerto Rico, Social Studies: History, Geography and Government

Nominating Scholar: Alia Sofia Marrero-Alttar

Mr. David Diehl, Millard North High School, Nebraska, History

Nominating Scholar: Sarah Jane Wood

Mr. Michael Dobyns, Corona Del Mar High School, California, Student Government

Nominating Scholar: Sophia Ann Rabin

Ms. Leslie Eames-Pierce, Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing & Visual Arts, Texas,
Jewelry Instructor

Nominating Scholar: Cole Willis

Mr. William Ellery, Carmel High School, Indiana, History

Nominating Scholar: Archit Kalra

Mr. Alan Farnsworth, George Walton High School, Georgia, Latin 1, 2, 3, AP, 5

Nominating Scholar: Jack Xu

Ms. Jenny Fey, New School Northern Virginia, Virginia, Linguistics

Nominating Scholar: Emily Ocasio

Ms. Kelly Field, James Madison High School, Virginia, Psychology
Nominating Scholar: Mayra Rios

Mr. Luke Finley, Independence High School, Tennessee, Physics
Nominating Scholar: Nate Martinez

Ms. Virginia Forcucci, MOT Charter School, High School Campus, Delaware, English Language Arts
Nominating Scholar: Tatyana Rashid

Ms. Nora Frank, Caesar Rodney High School, Delaware, English
Nominating Scholar: Samra Iman Iqbal

Mr. Trent Fry, Westview High School, Oregon, English
Nominating Scholar: Rishab K. Jain

Mr. William James Furiosi II, Oviedo High School, Florida, Experimental Science
Nominating Scholar: Ishika Nag

Mr. Max Gabrielson, Wilton High School, Connecticut, Latin/Ancient Greek (The Classics)
Nominating Scholar: Lukas Koutsoukos

Ms. Theresa Garno, East Greenwich High School, Rhode Island, History
Nominating Scholar: Cayetano Sanchez IV

Ms. Terry Gatchell, Evanston Township High School, Illinois, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Emmet Jeremiah Ebels Duggan

Ms. Lily Gates, Cleveland Innovation Academy, North Carolina, English
Nominating Scholar: Georgia Elizabeth Greene

Ms. Leah George, The Woodlands College Park High School, Texas, AP Seminar
Nominating Scholar: Siddhu Pachipala

Ms. Kathy Giles, St. Paul's School, New Hampshire, Rector
Nominating Scholar: Ashley Zhou

Mr. Jeff Ginn, Gatlinburg-Pittman High School, Tennessee, Drama
Nominating Scholar: Mara Wren Klein

Ms. Kathy Good, Sheridan High School, Wyoming, Spanish
Nominating Scholar: Cameron Nicholas Reckard

Ms. Anne Louise Greer, Spartanburg Day School, South Carolina, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Cam Srivastava

Ms. Lara Haggerty, The Greene School, Rhode Island, Biology
Nominating Scholar: Julia Martins

Ms. Princesa Hansen, Maple Grove Senior High School, Minnesota, Science
Nominating Scholar: Stavva Arora

Mr. Christopher Hanson, Poolesville Senior High School, Maryland, Physics
Nominating Scholar: Andrew Z. Yuan

Ms. Lynn Harder, Falmouth High School, Maine, Biology
Nominating Scholar: Patrick Michael Wahlig

Ms. Allison Hargrove, Carmel High School, Indiana, AP United States History
Nominating Scholar: Amogha Medha Paleru

Mr. Michael Hilbert, University High School, Arizona, Culturally Relevant English Language and Composition
Nominating Scholar: Zakiriya Hilal Alem Gladney

Mr. Bryan Hirschman, Essex High School, Vermont, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Adowyn Mulligan Byrne

Ms. Jennifer Hoffman, East Chapel Hill High School, North Carolina, Latin
Nominating Scholar: Clara Cecilia Brodey

Ms. Aubrie S. Holman, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology, Virginia, Biology
Nominating Scholar: Emma E. Cox

Mr. Shannon Houtrouw, Portage Central High School, Michigan, Computer Science
Nominating Scholar: Simar Bhatia

Ms. Leslie Hurt, John Carroll High School, Alabama, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Stanley Jerome Stoutamire Jr.

Ms. Alina Iliescu, Redmond High School, Washington, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Lora Kwon

Mr. Justin Iwerks, The Spence School, New York, Computer Science
Nominating Scholar: Samara Baksh

Dr. Brian A. Jones, Western Heights High School, Oklahoma, History
Nominating Scholar: Lindsay Flores

Mr. Justin Jones, Concord High School, North Carolina, History
Nominating Scholar: Nipun Gorantla

Ms. Jacqueline Kahler, West Albany High School, Oregon, French
Nominating Scholar: Caroline Xingyan Gao

Mr. Kenneth Kapptie, Skyline High School, Utah, Computer Science
Nominating Scholar: Aaron Wang

Ms. Renee Kiriazis, International Academy, Michigan, Biology
Nominating Scholar: Adnan Mahir Khan

Ms. Tonya Knollmeyer, Bartlesville High School, Oklahoma, AP Physics
Nominating Scholar: Joyce Yang

Mr. John Kraljic, Falmouth High School, Maine, Engineering technology
Nominating Scholar: Coco Leqi Xu

Ms. Kendra M. Krapfl, Brunswick R-II High School, Missouri, Agriculture
Nominating Scholar: Hannah N. Rice

Dr. Hannah Krug, Holton-Arms School, Maryland, Physics
Nominating Scholar: Maya Naomi Lall

Ms. Andrea Kusanovich, Ann Sobrato High School, California, AP Psychology
Nominating Scholar: Aaron Hieu Tran

Ms. Amanda Laden, Wayzata High School, Minnesota, Biology
Nominating Scholar: Matthew Chen

Ms. Pat Ledden, The Woodlands College Park High School, Texas, Kindergarten
Nominating Scholar: Zhuo Qi Chen

Ms. Michelle Lew, Castro Valley High School, California, English
Nominating Scholar: Zoe Wijesekara Dorado

Ms. Reb Limerick, Harvard-Westlake School, California, Videography
Nominating Scholar: Fallon Carys Sungah Ryu-Dern

Dr. Dorian J. López León, Tasis School in Dorado, Puerto Rico, History
Nominating Scholar: Jose Antonio Puig Camacho

Ms. Li Ma, Packer Collegiate Institute, New York, World Language
Nominating Scholar: Ian Liu

Ms. Vidya Mannem, BASIS San Antonio Shavano Campus, Texas, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Hannah Guan

Ms. Trisha Martin, Century High School, North Dakota, English
Nominating Scholars: Srinath B. Kandooru and Annelise Klein

Ms. Whitney Martin, Laramie High School, Wyoming, History
Nominating Scholar: Audrey Su-Wai Yeung

Mr. Michael Matta, Downingtown High School-East Campus, Pennsylvania, School Counselor,
Downingtown High School-East Campus
Nominating Scholar: William L. Pan

Dr. Serena McCalla, Jericho Senior High School, New York, Science Research
Nominating Scholar: Kevin Zhu

Mr. Seth Henry McFadyen, Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational High School, Massachusetts,
Engineering Technology
Nominating Scholar: Henry C. Knox

Ms. Kathy McGrane, Valley High School, Iowa, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Claire Gu

Ms. Jocelyn Medawar, Harvard-Westlake School, California, English
Nominating Scholar: Alejandro T. Lombard

Mr. Joe Medina, Harvard-Westlake School, California, Visual Arts
Nominating Scholar: Raisa B. Effress

Mr. Andrew Medlin, Caddo Parish Magnet High School, Louisiana, English
Nominating Scholar: Ananya Bhatia

Ms. Marisa Mellizo, Fairview High School, Colorado, Spanish
Nominating Scholar: Karthik Reddy

Ms. Danille Mink, Butler Tech Bioscience Center, Ohio, Biomedical Sciences
Nominating Scholar: Jay G. Patel

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Nominating Scholar: Jessie Bough

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Nominating Scholar: Camryn Nicole Bartone

Ms. Genny B. Moriarty, Phillips Exeter Academy, New Hampshire, English
Nominating Scholar: Aaron Joy

Ms. Melanie Mundell, Newark Charter School, Delaware, Biotechnology
Nominating Scholar: Suhani Bhatt

Mr. Matthew George Nicolo, Thomas Jefferson High School, Colorado, Business and Marketing
Nominating Scholar: Katherine Jordan Little

Ms. Diedra Nissen, Sioux Falls Jefferson High School, South Dakota, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Andrew J. Nguyen

Ms. Janet Niutupuivaha, Kahuku High School, Hawaii, Career and Technical Education Coordinator
Nominating Scholar: Vaealui Paiaii Peck

Mr. Justin Occhiogrosso, Harriton High School, Pennsylvania, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Hannah Gao

Ms. Jacqueline Okumura, Iolani School, Hawaii, Computer Science
Nominating Scholars: Anabel Kinsey and Holden Michael Schermer

Ms. HaeSun Paik, Wellesley High School, Massachusetts, Piano Performance
Nominating Scholar: Katherine E. Liu

Mr. Aris Pangilinan, Francis L. Cardozo High School, District Of Columbia, AP/PLTW/AFE Computer Science A, P, E and Cybersecurity
Nominating Scholar: Saul Villatoro

Mr. Amar I. Patel, South Warren High School, Kentucky, Chemistry
Nominating Scholar: Beatriz Oliveira Antunes

Mr. TJ Peacher, BASIS Scottsdale, Arizona, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Rachana R. Gurudu

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Nominating Scholar: Samantha Maya Milewicz

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Nominating Scholar: Maxwell L. Neri

Ms. Zariyah Perry, Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing & Visual Arts, Texas, Theatre
Nominating Scholar: Zariyah M. Perry

Mr. Kyle Peterson, Clark High School, Nevada, Economics
Nominating Scholar: Troy Warren Harris

Dr. Carol L. Price, Baton Rouge Magnet High School, Louisiana, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Daniel Z. Liu

Mr. Derek Rampal, American Heritage School Boca/Delray, Florida, Calculus
Nominating Scholar: Kiran C. Spencer

Ms. Stacy Rapoport, Leland High School, California, Art
Nominating Scholar: Miranda A. Lu

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Nominating Scholar: Diep H. Phan

Mr. Samuel Richins, Hillcrest High School, Utah, History
Nominating Scholar: Michael Ogden Chen

Dr. John Roskovensky, Wilmington Friends School, Delaware, Mathematics
Nominating Scholar: Carter B. Ross

Ms. Laurie Salander, Grand Forks Central High School, North Dakota, Marketing
Nominating Scholar: Kaylee Mae Kirkeby

Ms. Leslie Salas, St. John's School, Guam, English
Nominating Scholar: Jin Z. Chung

Ms. Melinda Salata, Holton-Arms School, Maryland, English
Nominating Scholar: Sophia Hall

Dr. Reeni Samuel, Paradise Valley High School, Arizona, Engineering
Nominating Scholar: Tej Sandeep Desai

Mr. Gunnar Seaver, Brookfield Central High School, Wisconsin, Social Studies (US History)

Nominating Scholar: Ananya Bhatt

Ms. Christina Sell, Hickory Ridge High School, North Carolina, AP Seminar

Nominating Scholar: Josiah Hailey Young

Dr. Yuria Sharp, Miami Palmetto Senior High School, Florida, Honors / AP Chemistry

Nominating Scholar: Luke Linxiao Yang

Ms. Nadyne Shimada, The ASK Academy, New Mexico, Career Pathways, Special Education

Nominating Scholar: Emma Elizabeth Clayton

Mr. David Sica, Mountain Lakes High School, New Jersey, Anatomy and Physiology, Environmental Science

Nominating Scholar: Katherine Chen

Mr. Anthony Silk, Harker School, California, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Annmaria K. Antony

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Nominating Scholar: Christopher Y. Shin

Mr. Robert Sloan, The Dalton School, New York, Theater

Nominating Scholar: George Porteous

Dr. Andrew Smith, Stevens Senior High School, South Dakota, Physics

Nominating Scholar: Evelyn Violet Haar

Mr. Gary Snyder, Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School, Alaska, Biology

Nominating Scholar: Jackson Powell Church

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Ms. Miriam Stahl, Berkeley High School, California, Art

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Mr. Derek Strahn, Bozeman High School, Montana, History

Nominating Scholar: Marten Cooper Hartshorn

Ms. Wendi Straub, Idaho Falls High School, Idaho, Biology

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Nominating Scholar: Cathy Tang

Dr. Scott Thompson, North Oconee High School, Georgia, AP Physics

Nominating Scholar: Michelle Li

Mr. Bill Topich, Pulaski Academy, Arkansas, Social Science

Nominating Scholar: Mariam Tariq Parray

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Nominating Scholar: Sezen S. Musa

Ms. Barbara Turnbull, Blue Valley North High School, Kansas, Gifted education

Nominating Scholar: Luke Wen-Tsu Chen

Mr. Olaf Verdonk, Champlain Valley Union High School, Vermont, Design & Technology

Nominating Scholar: Samuel John Yager

Dr. Kristina Vetter, Stanford University Online High School, California, Biology

Nominating Scholar: Elane Kim

Dr. Keith Voss, Lawrenceville School, New Jersey, Science (Physics)

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Mr. John Walcutt, Orange County High School of the Arts, California, El-Erian Family Acting Conservatory

Director, Acting Technique. Directing

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Ms. Sharon Webster, Nicolet High School, Wisconsin, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Ethan Mark Zentner

Ms. Laura Wenger, Syosset High School, New York, AP U.S. History

Nominating Scholar: Sabrina Guo

Ms. Claire Elizabeth West, Nelson County High School, Kentucky, Agricultural Education

Nominating Scholar: Cecelia Ann Rogers

Ms. Leandra Wilden, West Anchorage High School, Alaska, U.S. History

Nominating Scholar: Lillian Yang

Mr. Anton Wilson, Baltimore School for the Arts, Maryland, Dance

Nominating Scholar: Cassidy May Reigel

Ms. Jennifer Wilson, Lambert High School, Georgia, AP US History

Nominating Scholar: Sahil Sood

Ms. Elizabeth Wood-Weas, Mountain Brook High School, Alabama, Speech and Debate

Nominating Scholar: Sophia Li

Ms. Fei Yao, Phillips Academy, Massachusetts, Physics

Nominating Scholar: Sol Kim

Ms. Tamara Yowell, Madison Central High School, Mississippi, Mathematics (Statistics)

Nominating Scholar: Leo Mei

Ms. Lauren Zarandona, Mississippi School for Mathematics & Science, Mississippi, Mathematics

Nominating Scholar: Madison G. Echols